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GRADE IX

LANGUAGE

Time — 2½ hours.

DO NOT SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON ANY ONE QUESTION.

READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY.

Total Possible Mark — 212.

Think carefully before you answer each question. Marks will be deducted for errors. Check your work.

All your work must be done in this booklet. Do not write your name on this booklet.

Preliminary work should be done in pencil; finished work must be done in ink (blue or black). If some of your work, written in ink, needs to be changed, cross it out neatly and place the new answer above or below the original work. Your penmanship should be neat and legible.

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70 **1.** This is the most important question on this language paper. Spend approximately 45 minutes in planning and writing it. This question can be done first or it may be done later in the testing period. HOWEVER, TO SCORE WELL IN THIS LANGUAGE TEST, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS ESSAY QUESTION BE COMPLETED AND THAT IT BE WRITTEN NEATLY AND ACCURATELY.

(a) Choose ONE topic from the list below, write an essay of not fewer than 200 nor more than 250 words.

(b) Write the first draft in the space provided for it on pages four, six and eight.

(c) Revise this draft, keeping in mind that your essay should be an example of your ability to use FORMAL ENGLISH, your skill in organizing ideas, in choosing related facts, in using suitable words, in forming effective sentences and paragraphs. In a good essay all material must be related to the topic.

(d) Write the finished copy of your essay in the space provided for FINISHED WORK ON PAGES FIVE, SEVEN AND NINE.

The broad topics listed below in the form of statements are intended to give you a wide range of choice; they are NOT to be used as titles. For example, you may choose to write about rivers, freedom fighters or on parliamentary acts in general, or you may wish to choose one river, one freedom fighter or one parliamentary act and develop it. Wherever the topic lends itself to the use of the imagination, feel free to write accordingly. You might wish to pretend that you explored a river, fought with a freedom fighter or took part in a space flight.

ESSAY TOPICS

(Choose ONE of the topics listed below.)

(1) The great river systems of the Western Hemisphere have contributed greatly to the progress of the people who live here.

(2) Alberta provides a variety of experiences for the tourist.

(3) Canada's development to nationhood has come through various acts of parliament over the years 1763 to 1947.

(4) The modern Canadian worker enjoys more security and a higher standard of living than ever before.

(5) Man is expanding his knowledge of the universe by the exploration of space.

(6) Guidance 9 assists a student to make an intelligent choice of his life's occupation.

(7) Young people who drop out of school in Canadian communities are finding it increasingly difficult to find jobs which will pay them sufficient money to provide a reasonable standard of living.

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ESSAY — FIRST DRAFT

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ESSAY — FIRST DRAFT

2. (a) Complete the following statements related to a business meeting.

1 (1) When the Chairman opens a business meeting, he is said to

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1 (2) The first act of the Secretary at a public meeting is to

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1 (3) The financial report is presented by the .....

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2 (4) Business during a public meeting is conducted by means of

..... which require a mover and a

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1 (5) A business meeting is brought to a close by means of a motion for

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3 (b) In the space below neatly list the THREE methods of amending a motion.

(1) .....

(2) .....

(3) .....

2 (c) Using ONE of the above methods, indicate how you would amend the following motion—:

It was moved and seconded that the class raise funds for a local charity by conducting a rummage sale and a slave auction.

You agree that a rummage sale would be satisfactory, but you do not agree that a slave auction would be practical.

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8 **3.** (a) A dictionary indicates the correct pronunciation of a word by using three devices—:

(1) the sounds of the letters,

(2) dividing the word into syllables, and

(3) placing of a mark to indicate the primary accent

The following words, are shown without the accent from the Dictionary of Canadian English.

Opposite each word, write the word, correctly spelled, and indicate the syllable which requires an accent.

EXAMPLE — kem is trē chem'istry

nü mōn yə .....

sēn ər ē .....

skej ül .....

siz ərz .....

res ə pros ə te .....

biz nis .....

flü ə res ənt .....

i sof ə gəs .....

6 (b) Words must often be broken at the end of a line because of lack of space. Such breaks must come between syllables. Thus, only words of two or more syllables can be hyphenated. Indicate ALL the places where they can be correctly broken to avoid errors.

EXAMPLE — Eskimo Es ki mo

environment .....

respiratory .....

guidance .....

thrust .....

collapsible .....

lengthen .....

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4. Sam's teacher asked him to write a paragraph which she marked using certain symbols to indicate his errors. She also made some suggestions indicating how he could improve his written work. The symbols which Sam's teacher used were as follows—:

Sp. — spelling	P. — punctuation
Wu. — word usage	Se. — sentence error
Gr. — grammar	

Make the corrections suggested by Sam's teacher in the spaces below.

Sp.	Our homes are located in the Cool Temprate Continental
Gr.	region of North America which lays directly east of the
Wu.	Western Cordillera. The climate, which is effected by
Sp.	latitude and by frontal percipitation, is naturally cool
Se.	and dry the people who live here are energetic and pro-
Gr.	gressive. They are forced to work very industrious to
	make a living. This region has been settled by people
Wu.	who immigrated from Europe during the latter part of
	the nineteenth and the early part of the twentieth century.
	They have become good farmers and businessmen who have
Sp.	created for themselves a high staderd of living. In
Sp.	the west we depend largely on agriculture for our live-
Gr.	lihood because the soil is most suited for growing grain.
Sp.	Sales of grain to foriegn countries. Britain and China,
P.	determine our standard of living because manufacturers
Sp.	and merchants depend on the farmers income for business.
P.	Although living in this climatic region has its drawbacks
	it provides us with a high standard of living.

6 (a) You have made several spelling errors. Write the words, correctly spelled, in the spaces below—:

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1 (b) Besides a spelling error, your first sentence contains a grammar error. Rewrite the sentence correctly below:

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2 (c) Your second sentence contains a word usage error and a sentence error. Improve the sentence by rewriting it.

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1 (d) You have made an effort to achieve variety in sentence structure by using an introductory subordinate clause, but you did not punctuate it correctly. Rewrite the sentence, correcting the error.

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1 (e) In one of your sentences you made use of an appositive. Rewrite the sentence below.

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1 (f) I am pleased to see that you used an infinitive phrase to expand one of your simple sentences. Rewrite that sentence, and correct the error indicated, in the space below.

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25 **5.**

All of us enjoy giving away to our imaginations now and then. Write a paragraph of 100 words about an imaginary incident suggested by the picture above.

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A	12	
B	3	
C	3	
D	3	
E	2	
F	2	
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ERRORS

Sp.	1 1 1
Gr.	1 1 1
S.E.	1 1 1
W.U.	1
P.	1
F.	1
D.L.	

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Values

27 **6.** You are Sam Strong of Bluegoose, Alberta. You are applying for a summer job as assistant playground supervisor, advertised in the Bluegoose Review on June 24. Below is the letter of reference which was written on your behalf by your school principal. Using the information provided by this letter of reference, write a formal business letter of application to Mr. F. Pool, Secretary-Treasurer, Town of Bluegoose. Use semi-block, open punctuation form.

To whom It May Concern—:

This is to certify that I have known Sam Strong for seven years. During this time he has been a student in the Bluegoose School System.

Sam has been a better-than-average student during his school career, having passed each year with an A standing. He has been co-operative and has demonstrated his leadership qualities both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities such as the Drama Club, the Glee Club and the Curling Club. Sam also had a very successful year as President of the Students' Union.

During the past four years of his school career, he delivered papers and was highly regarded by his customers.

I believe that Sam would discharge his duties in a satisfactory manner and that he would be an asset to any organization.

Yours truly,
Z. Skule, Principal
Bluegoose Junior High School

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7. Below is a letter which appeared in a daily paper.

Dear Sir:

I am a tax-payer in this so-called wonderful city. I wonder whether or not those fools who put in time at City Hall realize that we defenceless tax-payers are paying thirty-five dollars a month to live in our own houses? Do they think that money grows on trees? They encourage new industries to move into this community and we, the tax-payers have to foot the bill for extensions to the sewer, water, transportation and telephone systems. I know, because I work in one of those new plants myself.

And another thing, why should I have to put out money every year for school books for my kids? I pay enough school taxes to supply fifty kids with books. Our schools should have bigger libraries instead of spending all that money on gymnasiums. My boy is a good athlete and spends a lot of time competing in sports and I'm proud of him, but education costs too much these days.

Somebody should go down and tell those knuckleheads at City Hall where to get off at and I might just be the guy who will do it.

Yours truly,

Joe Blow

1 (a) Indicate in the space below whether you judge this letter to be

(1) reliable
OR (2) unreliable .....

4 (b) Choose FOUR of the characteristics listed which apply to the above letter.

concrete	general	illogical	specific	emotional	hearsay
unemotional	abstract	objective	wishful thinking	logical	

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8 (c) In the spaces below recopy the characteristics that you recorded in Part (b) and opposite each, copy from the letter a sentence which helped you make your decision in part (a).

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20 **8.** Write a précis of the material contained in the following paragraph which contains approximately 184 words.

On the map of England Wiltshire appears as a large green county; yet it hardly seems to be a favourite of people who go touring or rambling. Listen to some of your friends discussing the places they have visited and comparing notes about the towns, churches, castles, scenery, and the chances are that they will not even mention Wiltshire. Of course, they have all visited Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge, which everyone must go to see at least once in his life, and they have viewed the countryside from the windows of a railway carriage as they passed through on their way to the ancient city of Bath, or to Wales with its mountains, or to the coast of Somerset, Devon or Cornwall. For there seems to be nothing striking in Wiltshire to nature-lovers — no mountains, no sea, nothing to compare with the places to which they are hastening. The downs? Yes, the downs are there, in their flowing forms resembling vast pale-green waves — a fine country to walk on in fine weather for all who regard the mere exercise of walking as sufficient pleasure.

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9. In the following six sentences you are to use the theme "storm". Write sentences as directed.

3 (1) A simple sentence using a prepositional phrase to indicate time.

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3 (2) A simple sentence beginning with a participial phrase.

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3 (3) A simple sentence using an infinitive as subject.

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3 (4) A complex sentence beginning with an adverbial clause.

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4 (5) A compound sentence of three principle clauses without using coordinating conjunctions.

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4 (6) A compound-complex sentence containing a noun clause.

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